Revision and fixation of Prices of bulk drugs and formulations

448. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SMT. SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and formulations the prices of which have not been fixed or revised after the DPCO, 1987;

(b) whose responsibility was it to revise or fix prices;

(c) whether it is a serious lapse;

(d) who is responsible for such a state of affairs and what action is proposed to be taken against the concerned; and

(e) whether there is linkage between the BICP officers in the drug division and the concerned producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) After the promulgation of DPCO, 1987 the prices of 83 indigenously produced bulk drugs and its salts, have been fixed/revised. 38 bulk drugs are either not manufactured in the country or are being substantially imported. For the remaining 21 bulk drugs as indicated in the enclosed Statement (See below) cost-cum-technical studies have been initiated by the BICP.

(b) to (e) The prices of indigenously produced bulk drugs and formulations are fixed as per the provisions of DPCO, 1987 on the recommendations of Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices. Detailed cost-cum-technical studies are voluminous and time consuming.

Statement

List of Bulk Drugs

1. Griseofulvin
2. Chlorpromazine
3. Cimetidine
4. Diphenoxylate
5. Glipizide
6. Hydralazine
7. Imipramine
8. Iron Dextran
9. Isosorbide Dinitrate
10. Loparamide
11. Metochlorpramide
12. Metoprolol
13. Nalidixic Acid
14. Naproxen
15. Povidone Iodine
16. Promethazine
17. Rantidine
18. Reserpine
19. Timolol Maleate
20. Valporic Acid
21. Verapamil

Prices of formulation of Ranitidine

449. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of formulations of Rantidine are based on bulk drug price of Rs. 4370/- Kg. and no prices for indigenously produced bulk drug have been fixed although its production was commenced before 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the drug is available at Rs. 1700/- kg. in the country and inspite of price control the consumer has been made to pay two to three times the price;

(c) whether it is a fact that the producers of the Zintac brand name have along robbed the consumer at the rate of Rs. 28 crores per annum.

(d) what steps have been taken to inquire into the whole matter and punish the guilty; and

(e) whether it is a fact that paragraph 7(2) of the DPCO, 1979, which dealt with such type of cases, was removed to enact such scandles?